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1. At Kherson [] observed no activity of a military nature. Great quantities of grain from Moscow and Smolensk are sent to Kherson, where it is stored in the grain elevator that consists of 12 warehouses. The grain elevator was built in 1935. Also observed at Kherson were a small shipyard to service the floating drydocks, and a refinery with six fuel tanks.
2. At Odessa [] the following: 50X1-HUM
- a. A naval training ship of the Vespucci type, full of activity.
 - b. An old light cruiser with one mast and three funnels, armed with a few old artillery pieces and equipped with four torpedo launches.
 - c. An ex-German ship, now in use as a training ship. It had two funnels.
 - d. Three torpedo boats of the Maestrale type.
 - e. Fifteen old MAS boats, each with a machine gun at the bow.
 - f. A bunker port, with four piers, each with four outlets.
 - g. Grain elevator.
 - h. Three repair shipyards. There was little activity or work observed there; in fact, only three old steamships were undergoing repairs.
3. In Odessa [] many well-dressed policemen, each armed with a large automatic pistol. The port workers, women as well as men, take turns standing guard inside the workshops. They stand guard 50X1-HUM

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and carry either rifles or sub-machine guns.¹

4. Six sentry boxes on as many pillars of the grain elevator were always occupied by armed soldiers. From this vantage point, the guards were better able to see and guard what happened inside the ships.
5. Many of the port workers engaged in loading and unloading were quite advanced in age. They showed great fear of the police and soldiers who guarded them and would not risk any contact with foreign sailors.

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6. [redacted] the standard of living of the Soviet worker was very low.

7. After leaving Odessa, [redacted] observed six light naval craft engaged in naval exercises on [redacted]. The exercises consisted of launching torpedoes about eight to nine miles from the coast with operations hidden by a smokescreen. However, a small target was observed as it was being towed.

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8. Noted at the same time but apparently not a part of the naval exercises were three squadrons of fighter planes. [redacted] the planes [redacted] came from the direction of Cape Fontana, south of Odessa, where there was an airfield which was equipped with powerful searchlights. The airplanes disappeared in the direction of the Crimea.

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9. No large warships were observed at Odessa, such as those which may be found at the naval bases of Sevastopol and Nikolayev.
10. On the coast between Odessa and Constanta source observed about a dozen radio beams for airplanes.
11. Going towards Odessa and opposite Ochakov there is a small island in the Dnepr River called Fort Nikolayev. It was observed to have a radar antenna and placements for some old guns. These placements were in ditches expressly dug for that purpose. There were also two barracks and a signal station on the island.

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1. [redacted] Comment: This office views with skepticism the report that the port workers are allowed to carry arms or to stand guard at any time.

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